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E.O. 11652: GD;
TAGS: PGOV, KS, US
SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK -- RETURN TO KOREA
1. OPEN TESTIMONY BY TONGSUN PARK BEFORE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE WAS COMPLETED APRIL 4. PARK HAS BEEN CALLED BY DEFENSE COUNSEL AS WITNESS APRIL 5 IN HANCHO KIM TRIAL.
2. THIS APPEARS TO COMPLETE PRESENT ROUND OF HEARINGS AND TESTIMONY BY PARK, AND WE UNDERSTAND FROM JUSTICE THAT HE PLANS TO DEPART APRIL 7 TO RETURN TO KOREA UNTIL APRIL 28. JUSTICE WILL AGAIN REQUIRE PARK'S PRESENCE HERE AS A TRIAL WITNESS IN MAY.
3. WHILE TONGSUN PARK'S FULFILLMENT OF HIS AGREED OBLIGATIONS THUS FAR HAS NOT APPEARED TO RAISE SERIOUS NEW PROBLEMS FOR ROKG, OR FOR PARK HIMSELF, WE WOULD APPRE-
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CIATE ANY INFORMATION OR ASSESSMENT WHICH MAY BEAR ON PROSPECT OF TONGSUN PARK'S READINESS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AT END OF APRIL WHEN NEEDED. VANCE
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ANSWER: WE REPEATEDLY INFORMED MR. KIM OF THE DESIRE OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO HAVE HIM MEET WITH A KOREAN OFFICIAL, AND MR. KIM FINALLY AGREED TO DO SO. HE STIPULATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE OFFICIAL MUST BE MINISTER-COUNSELOR KOO OF THE KOREAN EMBASSY. THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED THAT MR. KIM MEET WITH ANY EMBASSY OFFICIAL OF HIS CHOICE, DID NOT AGREE TO HAVE THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR MEET WITH MR. KIM, AND IS REQUESTING THAT MR. KIM MEET INSTEAD WITH THE AMBASSADOR.
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QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT THE FBI PREVENTED MR. KIM FROM MEETING WITH HIS BROTHER, AS THE STATEMENT CLAIMS?
ANSWER: NO. MR. KIM TOLD US THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE HIS BROTHER.
QUESTION: WHAT WOULD YOU CALL MR. KIM'S STATUS IF HE IS NOT IN CUSTODY.
ANSWER: HE HAS ASKED FOR PROTECTION AND IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE U.S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE.
QUESTION: WHAT DOES HE NEED PROTECTION FROM?
ANSWER: I CAN'T SPECULATE ON THAT. UNQUOTE
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